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THE INCIDENT AND PROMISED TO REPORT IT TO HIS
SUPERIORS.

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TAGS: PREL, PHUM, ASAC, CASG, CM
SUBJECT: TFCN01: MEETING WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER;
FIRING INTO EMBASSY APARTMENTS; POSSIBLE QUESTIONS
ON FANG LIZHI

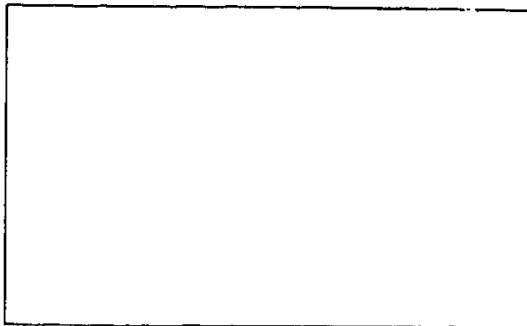
1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 1015 ON JUNE 7, SEVERAL TRUCKLOADS
OF THE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN OCCUPYING THE
JIANGUOMENHAI (JGMH) OVERPASS BEGAN MOVING EAST.
THE SOLDIERS FIRED INTO THE AIR TO CLEAR CIVILIANS
OUT OF THE WAY. AS THE TRUCKS PASSED THE JGMH
DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND, SOLDIERS FIRED IN THE DIRECTION
OF THE BUILDINGS. BULLETS DESTROYED THE WINDOWS OF
THE APARTMENTS OF THREE OF OUR OFFICERS, INCLUDING

APARTMENTS ON THE THIRD, FOURTH AND SEVENTH FLOORS.
FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING CHILDREN, WERE IN TWO
OF THE APARTMENTS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. NO ONE
WAS INJURED.

3. COINCIDENTALLY, AT 1100 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
CALLED ADCH TO INFORM US THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER
ZHU QIZHEN, IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST OF THE DAY
BEFORE, HAD AGREED TO MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR AT
1330 ON JUNE 7. ADCH RESPONDED THAT THE NEED FOR A
MEETING HAD JUST TAKEN ON NEW URGENCY. HE REMINDED
MA ZHENGANG, CHIEF OF THE MFA'S U.S. DIVISION,
THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS
DIVISION TOLD ADCH ON JUNE 6 THAT AMERICAN RESIDENTS
WOULD BE SECURE IF THEY ADHERED TO THE
REGULATIONS OF THE MARTIAL LAW COMPOUND. ADCH INFORMED MA
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S ARMED FORCES HAD FIRED ON
THE RESIDENCES OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS, CAUSING GRAVE
RISK TO THE LIVES OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN, WHO HAD
TAKEN NO ACTION WHICH COULD REMOTELY BE CONSIDERED
A VIOLATION OF THE MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS. IN LIGHT
OF THIS VERY SERIOUS INCIDENT, ADCH ASKED THAT THE
MEETING WITH ZHU BE ADVANCED TO THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
HOUR.

4. MA PROMISED TO REPORT THE INCIDENT IMMEDIATELY
TO HIS SUPERIORS AND GET BACK TO ADCH ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLIER APPOINTMENT. AT 1335 MA
INFORMED ADCH THAT ZHU COULD NOT MEET THE AMBASSADOR
EARLIER THAN 1530. ADCH REITERATED THAT WE CONSIDERED
THE INCIDENT A GRAVE ONE AND ASKED THAT IT BE REPORTED
IMMEDIATELY TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT. MA SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF SOME DETAILS OF



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